

WASHINGTON, December 19, 1816.

*My Dear Sir,*

I am very glad to find that you have called the attention of the legislature to the claim of Maryland against the United States for the expenditures on account of the militia during the war. As congress will be called on soon to act upon this subject, it is important that the claim of Maryland should be liquidated and presented immediately. The other states have done so at the last session. The greatest promptness is necessary on this subject, and I shall thank you for all the necessary information to enable me to press this claim with all possible vigour. I am sure the legislature will lose no time in giving every aid in their power.

I have the honour to be, dear sir, your excellency's obedient servant,

R. H. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Which were read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Conley of Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Hambleton delivers a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways; which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary E. Berrett of Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. F. M. Hall delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising and empowering the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Uriah Mitchell; which was read.

Mr. R. K. Watts delivers a petition from Thomas Moore, and others, praying for a law to open a road from Unity in Montgomery county, to Triadelphia, thence to intersect the Baltimore and Frederick turnpike road; which was read and referred to Messrs. R. K. Watts, R. Dorsey, Sellman, Watkins and Lanham.

Mr. Stoddert from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John L. Hawkins, of Charles county, having taken the subject matter thereof into their consideration, and given it its full force and effect, are of opinion that the interposition of the legislature in this case would afford that relief to the petitioner which under the circumstances stated in the petition he might seem well entitled to claim, yet it would operate a public injury by making those complaints subjects of legislation, which are properly cognizable by the judicial department of the government. In that quarter your committee should apprehend redress might be obtained, provided injustice or oppression has been exercised. Under this view of the subject they would beg leave to submit the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Washington delivers a report and petition from the trustees of the Brookeville Academy in Montgomery county, praying legislative aid; which was read and referred to Messrs. Washington, Lanham and Watkins.

Mr. Harrison delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Queen Anne's county; which was read.

Mr. Warner from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry creditors of William Mollison, surviving partner of William and Robert Mollison, beg leave to report, that having considered of the subject referred to them, they find that the sum of £ 1511 5 0, arising from the sales of the confiscated property of the said Mollison's hath been paid into the state treasury, that £ 401 11 3, hath been paid out of it to one of the creditors of said Mollison, under a resolution of the legislature of 1805; that the balance of £ 1109 13 9 still remains in the treasury. Your committee therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That those creditors, being citizens of the United States, of William Mollison, surviving partner of William and Robert Mollison, both late of the city of London, deceased, be and they are hereby authorised to lay before the auditor of the state their claims against the said Mollison's, and the auditor is hereby authorised and empowered to liquidate and adjust, and if necessary apportion the same, and for that purpose he shall, at the expence of the applicants, give notice of the first application to him made in one or more newspapers printed in Baltimore, at least three months before he makes such adjustment; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised to pay to the said creditors, the sums ascertained as aforesaid to be due them, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, not exceeding in amount the balance aforesaid now remaining in the treasury.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of an agent to settle the claims of this state with the government of the United States, was made the order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Harford county; which was read.

The reports on the petitions of Gabriel Galworth and John Leather, revolutionary soldiers, were severally read the second time, concurred in, the resolutions therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Bowles moved for the following leave: Leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to levy a tax on the assessable property in this state for the payment of old soldiers pensions.

Mr. Dennis moved to strike out from the word "act" in the said leave to the end thereof, for the purpose of inserting the words "for appropriating certain funds of the state for the payment of old revolutionary soldiers."

On motion by Mr. Kell, the word "appropriating" was stricken out of the amendment offered by Mr. Dennis, and the word "providing" inserted in lieu thereof.